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## DIGEST

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HB No. 298

**Abstract:** Adds two members to the La. Commission on Civic Education.

Present law establishes the La. Commission on Civic Education to educate citizens in the community as well as students in schools on the importance of citizen involvement in a representative democracy and to promote communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conduct civic education programs.

Present law establishes the membership of the commission and defines the officers, meeting times, and staff of the commission.

Present law provides for the following membership of the commission:

- (1) The governor, or his designee.
- (2) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.
- (3) The state attorney general, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (8) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (9) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- (10) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his designee.
- (11) One state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the Senate program, appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (12) One state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the

House of Representatives program, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

- (13) The state coordinator of Project Citizen.
- (14) The executive director of the Public Affairs Research Council.
- (15) The executive director of the Council for a Better Louisiana.
- (16) One member to represent La. Public Broadcasting, appointed by the executive director of the corporation.
- (17) One member to represent the League of Women Voters, appointed by the league.
- (18) One member to represent the La. Press Association and one member to represent the La. Association of Broadcasters, appointed by the president of each association.
- (19) One member to represent the La. Center for Law and Civic Education, appointed by the president of its board of directors.
- (20) One member to represent the La. Association of Non-Profit Organizations, appointed by the chairman of the association.
- (21) One member to represent the La. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, appointed by the president of the chapter.
- (22) The chairman of the Volunteer La. Commission, or his designee.
- (23) Any additional member who has expertise in civic education or civic involvement, as may be designated by 3/4 of the commission members present and voting. Such member shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

Proposed law adds one member from the La. District Judges Assoc. who shall be appointed by the president of its board of directors to the commission.

Proposed law adds the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court or his designee to the commission.

(Adds R.S. 24:972(A)(24) and (25))